

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUBSTANCE USE-DISORDER PREVENTION THAT PROMOTES OPIOID RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to pass a Motion to Recommit on H.R. 6, which includes my Opioid Workforce Act.

Many of the victims of the opioid crisis are clear: the young people whose lives have been cut short and the working individuals who struggle every day to break the bonds of addiction. But there is also a wider impact: families left without breadwinners to support them, children left without a parent to raise them, and communities slowly hollowed out as more and more individuals fall victim to addiction. That means that our strategy to address this national crisis must be comprehensive, multi-faceted, and sustainable.

This Motion would bring us closer to a comprehensive strategy that ensures all Americans have access to treatment for substance use disorders. By increasing the supply of physicians trained in addiction and pain management while expanding access to medication-assisted treatment, this motion would ensure that individuals with substance use disorders are not left behind. Further, by doubling the size and scope of our national investment in the opioid epidemic, this motion strengthens our public health infrastructure to address this epidemic of tragic proportions.

I am proud that my recently introduced legislation, the Opioid Workforce Act, was included as part of this motion. This legislation would provide additional residency positions to hospitals that have or are establishing residency programs in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, or pain management. Without more physicians trained in treating substance use disorders, we won't be able to address the opioid epidemic.

But beyond this motion, and beyond this bill, we must consider the downstream effects on communities that were already once left behind by the failed war on drugs. Many communities in my district are still recovering from the aftermath of the failed "tough on crime" tactics of the 80s and 90s. Residents have not properly dealt with their addictions because of the fear of criminal retribution. While we work as a nation to address the opioid crisis, we must not repeat our past mistakes that left behind our most vulnerable communities.

Addressing this epidemic will take an investment of federal resources, multiple perspectives at the table, and persistence to get it right. I urge my colleagues to pass this motion as a robust first step on this long-term journey.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT JOEL A. HOUSE

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate this year's 11th Anniversary of the death of Sergeant Joel A. House, United States Army, and to recognize the Sgt. Joel A. House Summer Camp Fund's 10th Annual Beach n BBQ Day on Silver Lake in Lee, Maine.

Sgt. Joel House was an extraordinary man and soldier, serving in the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and deployed to Iraq. He made the ultimate sacrifice on June 23, 2007 in Taji, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Since Sgt. Joel House's heroic death in 2007, his parents Paul and Deanna, beloved family, the Town of Lee, and our Great State of Maine have never forgotten his service and sacrifice. It has become tradition for his family and the people of Maine to pause and honor Sgt. House each and every year through the Sgt. Joel A. House Summer Camp Fund's Beach n BBQ fundraiser.

This year, on June 30, 2018, we will pay tribute to his life with this event, and support Maine youth as they seek to attend the summer camp of their choice, as Joel loved to do. Sergeant House's family and friends know how proud he would be to help so many Maine kids achieve their dreams.

Today, the legacy of Sergeant Joel House and his selfless sacrifice lives on in the Town of Lee. We are so proud that this man lived, and hailed from the heart of our Great State of Maine. I am humbled and honored to serve in the United States Congress on behalf of the House family and the residents of Lee, Maine, who are always looking to honor the memory of our brave heroes like Sgt. Joel House.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the death of Sergeant Joel A. House, and in assuring his family, friends, and community that he will never be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER JAMES FRANCIS WINN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Officer James Francis Winn, a thirty-five-year veteran of the Dennis Police Department.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Jim got his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Springfield State Technical Community

College. He then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Western New England College. In 1983 Jim began working for the town of Dennis as a summer-appointed special officer. He soon rose to becoming a Dispatcher, and finally, a Patrol Officer.

Jim is dedicated to the safety of children and families in the town of Dennis. Throughout his thirty-five years on the force and thirty-one years as a Patrol Officer, Jim held positions ranging from K-9 Officer, to D.A.R.E. Officer, to Family Services Officer. He has been praised for his work at a Bike Safety Program and with the students of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, to name just a few. Further, Jim has received many awards and recognitions for his incredible work for the people of our community.

In 2003, Jim married his wife Anne. They have two children, Lindsay and Ryan, and I wish them many years of happiness and more time spent with their family.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor James Francis Winn and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the United States, and which is my alma mater.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as *Majors and Minors* and *Lyrics of Lowly Life*. He also composed the lyrics to *In Dahomey*, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including *The New York Times*. Dunbar died February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in the District of Columbia in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

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The Federation has alumni from more than 35 graduating classes, and supports the school through its scholarship efforts, community activities and other endeavors.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins, and 750,000 half-dollar coins, with a surcharge on each coin. The surcharges will benefit the scholarships and similar activities of the Dunbar Alumni Federation.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COMMEMORATING GUAM WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Guam who endured 32 months of horrific enemy occupation during World War II. Today on Guam, our community is commemorating War Survivor Remembrance Day to honor their patriotism and unwavering loyalty to the United States. The residents of Guam suffered unspeakable harm as a result of our island's occupation by Imperial Japanese military forces during World War II. Guam was the only U.S. territory with a permanent civilian population occupied during World War II, and many of our people were subjected to death and the atrocities of war including forced labor and internment.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that our nation recognize the residents of Guam for their steadfast loyalty to the United States of America, as demonstrated by the countless acts of courage they performed despite the threat of death or great bodily harm they faced at the hands of the enemy forces that occupied Guam during World War II.

Today, I extend my gratitude to the members of our greatest generation in recognition of War Survivor Remembrance Day. I join the people of Guam and all Americans in honoring the lives of all of Guam's war survivors, and the memory of those who we lost during the occupation. The courage and resiliency of our Guam's war survivors continues to live on in the legacy of our people.

I am especially mindful that as our community celebrates War Survivor Remembrance Day, the Guam War Claims Program has reached a new milestone, and applications for claims are under review by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Passing the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act was a commitment I made to the people of Guam and an initiative that I and our community persisted in advocating for despite the challenges we faced. Working to secure passage of war claims alongside many of our local organizations on Guam, as well as with policymakers and officials in the Bush, Obama, and now Trump Administrations, ensured that the law is implemented as intended.

I commend all the work of my predecessors, former Congressmen Antonio Won Pat, Ben Blaz, and Robert Underwood, as well as the members of the Guam War Claims Review Commission, who laid the groundwork for our success.

This was a positive accomplishment for Guam, and it gives our elders (nanamko) rec-

ognition for what they endured during the occupation as a result of their loyalty and patriotism to the United States. Again with the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I extend a sincere thank you and thank you very much (Un Dangcolo na si Yu'os Ma'ase) to all of Guam's War Survivors.

RELATIONS BETWEEN GEORGIA AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an issue that could threaten the close relationship our country shares with the Republic of Georgia.

Last year marked the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Georgia. Since that time, Georgia has evolved into a strong ally of the United States with Georgians and Americans serving side-by-side in Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Georgia has provided more troops in support of combat operations in Afghanistan on a per-capita basis than any other country in the world. The country also plays a key role in the Northern Distribution Network lines of communication that support NATO efforts in Afghanistan.

While Georgia and the United States have been great allies these past 25 years, that relationship is now under threat. Recently, the Government of Georgia began to take a series of aggressive and discouraging actions towards American companies operating in Georgia. Over the past year, I have received reports of increased mistreatment and harassment of American and European companies. In this time, we have also seen reports of favorable outreach to companies from Russia, Iran, and China. Simply put, this is a warning signal that should be taken very seriously.

Furthermore, in February of this year, our Director of National Intelligence, Daniel Coats, issued his office's "Worldwide Threat Assessment of the U.S. Intelligence Community". Specifically, he highlighted issues with Georgia's recent ruling party as a top concern given their propensity for stifling political opposition, consolidating power, and causing internal issues as Georgia continues to face external threats from Russia.

Moving forward, it is my hope that the Government of Georgia will adhere to and respect the rule of law with regards to international obligations and the protection of intellectual property rights. In respecting and honoring freely negotiated conditions of both existing and future business investments from the United States, the Government of Georgia would serve to reaffirm and demonstrate their commitment to the shared principles of a fair and democratic market economy and our critically important transatlantic strategic partnership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 2018, I was absent for recorded votes No. 287

and No. 288. I would have voted as follows if I had been present: on Roll Call No. 287 I would have voted YES; and on Roll Call No. 288 I would have voted YES.

RECOGNIZING THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for issuing a proclamation acknowledging and celebrating Immigrant Heritage Month (IHM).

Stanislaus County is a land of immigrants, old and new. For generations, America has been reinvigorated by the contributions of new arrivals from foreign lands, and like so many of my fellow residents, I am especially proud of my district's deeply rooted immigrant history. Our country was built on the belief that all men are created equal, and immigrants from around the globe have proven to be vital contributors to the cultural and economic prosperity of Stanislaus County.

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors recently acknowledged Immigrant Heritage Month, issuing a proclamation in accordance with a nationwide effort to celebrate and share inspirational stories of the vast contributions made by immigrants. Dedicated to remaining a welcoming community, we must hold IHM as a reminder to continue to pursue laws and policies that provide common sense pathways to successful integration for all newcomers.

I applaud the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for recognizing the Month of June as a time to celebrate immigration. Immigrant Heritage Month will encourage us to remember that we should always strive to offer opportunities for all to take advantage of the American experience.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors for issuing a proclamation acknowledging and celebrating Immigrant Heritage Month.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable and missed Roll Call Vote 285. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 285.

INDIVIDUALS IN MEDICAID DE- SERVE CARE THAT IS APPRO- PRIATE AND RESPONSIBLE IN ITS EXECUTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under